

REMARKS

The claims in this case were restricted into three Groups. Applicants have provisionally elected Group I, Claims 1-27. The Restriction Requirement is traversed.

For restriction to be proper, a burden must be placed on the Office in examining all claims. Applicant respectfully submits that assuming the methods in Groups I and III and the compositions in Group II are materially different, the search for both the methods and compositions would occur in the same classes/subclasses given the fact that the nanoemulsions in Group I and III method claims and the nanoemulsions in Group II composition claims are structurally related. Thus, the same classes/subclasses would be searched because the same structural elements are relevant to compositions of Groups I-III -- no burden would be placed on the Office in searching and/or examining all claims together. Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement is traversed.

Application No. 10/717,626
Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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